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## School committee elects Mark Brophy chair

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE – Following the last of the five member town elections in Hubbardston, the Quabbin Regional School Committee elected Mark Brophy, the new chairman. QRSD superintendent Sheila Muir said the school committee was down two school committee members from Hubbardston. She said the two remaining school committee members from Hubbardston, Mark Wigler and Debra Chamberlain, would meet with the Hubbardston Select Board to appoint two members until the next town election in June 2022. School committee member, Mark Wigler, said the town clerk reported a number of vacancies after the town election June 8.

### Superintendents reported

Superintendent Muir said she was appointed regional representative to the Rural School Commission, a state commission and was one of two superintendents on the commission. She said the commission met for the first time May 6 due to COVID 19. On June 2, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education finance team and reviewed fiscal report in rural schools. She said the commission would be meeting monthly and wrap up by December.

The superintendent said the elevator at the New Braintree Grade School failed inspection and received a 90-day extension to fix the elevator. The elevator needed a new controller with a cost of over \$50,000. She talked with the New Braintree board of selectmen and they would be putting an article on the annual town meeting warrant. The school district planned to have students in the New Braintree school for the next school year.

Superintendent Muir said end of school transitions were held for fifth graders going into sixth grade and for sixth graders to seventh grade. Step up day for eighth graders to ninth grade would be held later in the summer.

She said 145 students graduated from the high school June 4 and said it “was a wonderful celebration.” Muir said several years ago the committee supported an alternative high school program for students at risk of not graduating. She said this year, three of those students graduated June 4 and three more alternative students would graduate next week. She said the “program was a huge success and thanked the school committee for their support.” The superintendent said the school had some dropouts this year and staff was going to interview those students to find out what it could have done to keep them in school.

She invited school committee members to the honoring of retirees on June 17. Muir said Susanne Musnicki, co-principal of Ruggles Lane Elementary School, would be retiring at the end of the school year after 50 years as an employee of the school district. The superintendent said, “She is leaving big shoes to fill and has taught me very much.”

### Director of Administrative Services

The school committee approved the request of Cheryl Duval, director of administrative services, to authorize to make transfers to close out the fiscal year and to authorize the treasurer with the permission of the school committee chair to borrow in anticipation of revenue.

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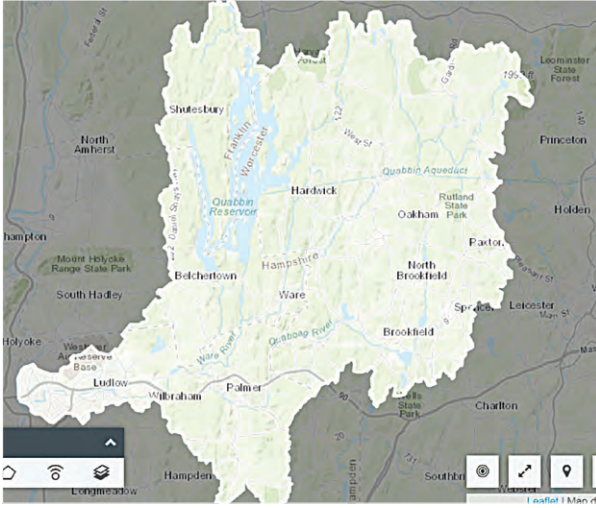
## Quabbin Envirothon receives Community Research Award



By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

BARRE – The Quabbin Regional High School Envirothon Team was one of three teams across the state completing requirements for the Mass Envirothon Community Research Award.

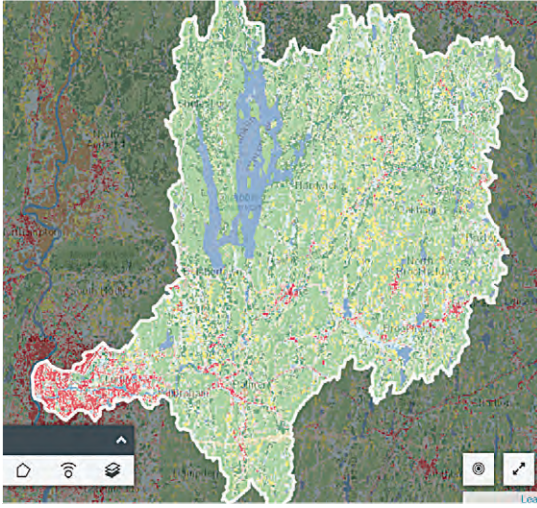
“I’m very proud of them,” said their teacher coach, Elicia Andrews. She also said they worked really hard and were a young team with only one member participating in the previous event and the team consisting of two 11<sup>th</sup> graders and the rest 10<sup>th</sup> graders. Participating team members from Quabbin Regional High School included: Katherine McMenemy of Barre (10<sup>th</sup> grade), Olivia Smith of Barre (10<sup>th</sup> grade), Quinn Trumbull-Olsen of North Brookfield (10<sup>th</sup> grade), Casey Seem of Oakham (10<sup>th</sup> grade), Claudio Santoro of



These are the maps the team used in the community research project for the 2020-2021 Massachusetts Envirothon.

Hardwick (10<sup>th</sup> grade), Meghan Haupt of Barre (11<sup>th</sup> grade), Darian Hulsart of Oakham (10<sup>th</sup> grade) and Carissa McKee of Hubbardston (11<sup>th</sup> grade).

Andrews said the Quabbin



Envirothon team was a school club, who met Tuesday evenings. As part of

of their research on the 2021 current issue, Water Management and Climate Change, they had to

interview three people concerned with water and how climate change changed their work. The

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## Article 16 revisited, passed 157 to 43

### Stormwater issue to be funded

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

NORTH BROOKFIELD – At the Annual Town Meeting held on Friday, June 4, Moderator James Caldwell said mistakes were made at the previous meeting in presenting Article 16, “To see if the Town will vote to approve and appropriate \$22,500 to correct problems with stormwater from town streets

and adjacent properties that causes flooding at the residence of 94 Summer St., North Brookfield, and the land and streets downstream on Prospect and Summer Street, to be used by the town highway department to contract to correct stormwater problems, or act on anything related thereto.”

The property belongs to Bruce and Deb Arnold, and the stormwater flooding has been an ongoing issue since they purchased the property in 1982. The Arnolds have installed three sump pumps to remove water from their basement after heavy rains, and have incurred

about \$10,000 in damages from the flooding. A significant storm can cause them to pump the same amount of water needed to fill two above ground swimming pools.

Bruce Arnold read his motion for Article 16, and explained how stormwater runoff from town streets flood his basement and yard. He then needs to pump the water out of his basement, and it flows into the street. They have had a problem with a clogged underground culvert that is connected to the town’s stormwater system. In 1989, the highway superintendent at the time addressed the

issue by dead-ending a drainpipe above their property. Arnold said there is a buried “grey water” brook that runs from High Street, through their property, and connects to a storm drain at the corner of Prospect and Summer Streets.

Arnold said live camera inspections were made in 2020 by Leonard Engineering as part of the West Side Infrastructure project. At the last town meeting, Highway Superintendent Jason Benoit, along with members of the Board of Selectmen, countered

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## Voters conduct business quickly at ATM

By Ellenor Downer  
Staff Writer

OAKHAM – About 40 registered voters along with several guests attended the Annual Town Meeting Monday night, held in the Oakham Fire Station.

Before acting on the 25 article warrant, town moderator Dennis Bergin, asked for a moment of silence for residents and a former Oakham police officer, who had passes away since the last town meeting. He said the town lost Gretchen Nahkala, an EMT and ambulance director; Richard Bechan, a volunteer firefighter, police officer and finance committee member; Wesley Dwelly, highway superintendent, tree warden and historical commissioner and Emmanuel “Manny” Familia, a Worcester Police Officer, who started his police carrier in Oakham.

Voters approved five routine articles, which appear on the warrant every year, as a consent calendar.

They approved an operating budget of \$1,531,388.32 after the moderator corrected the board of selectmen’s expense line item from \$66,995 to \$70,395, a difference of \$3,400. The operating budget was a \$20,666.02 increase from FY 21.

The town voted a \$2,516,318 school budget, which included \$2,357,679 for the Quabbin Regional School District, \$143,565 for Pathfinder Regional and \$15,074 for the middle high school roof project debt. The total education budget was \$39,521 less than FY 21. FY 22 the town did not have any students attending Smith Northampton Vocational School and Bay Path Regional Vocational School as it did the previous year. The Quabbin Regional School District assessment increased \$31,527.59 and the Pathfinder assessment was \$22,106 less than FY 21.

The town used free cash for several purchases. Voters approved the transfer of \$11,000 from free cash into the Police Department Vehicle Stabilization Account, a new account, for purchase or equipping police vehicles and \$4,500 to purchase a touch-screen based communication and data reporting system. Other approved free cash transfers included: \$25,000 for a new line item in the Board of Selectmen

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## Retiring principal gets ride in fire truck



uggles Lane Elementary School co-principal waves to students, all wearing yellow shirts in her honor, before boarding the Barre Fire Truck for a ride to Quabbin Regional Middle High School, where she taught and later principal for 50 years.

BARRE – Riding in a fire truck is a dream come true for many. Retiring Ruggles Lane Elementary School co-principal, Susanne Musnicki, got to fulfill that wish Tuesday.

A Barre Fire Department truck picked up Mrs. Musnicki at the

school, brought her through town, lead by the police through the middle school/high school where she began her teaching career and brought her back to the elementary school. All the students and staff wore commemorative tee-shirts and waited to greet her upon her return.

Fifty years ago she began her teaching career in the Quabbin Regional School District. She started as a social studies teacher in an all male department in 1971. It was not an easy feat for a young female fresh out of college. For 48 of her 50 years, she was a the middle school.

Sue became Dean of Students in 1998, Dean of Administration and Management in 1999, Dean of Administration in 2005, middle school principal in 2006 and transferred to Ruggles Lane School in 2019 as co-principal.

In this past 1-1/2 years of a pan-

demic, when many principals and teachers chose not to return to the classroom, she opted not to retire, but kept the helm at an elementary school in district, who returned to classes full time on Sept. 8, 2020 and never had to make the switch back to remote learning.



Students, wearing yellow tee shirts hold up signs congratulating Mrs. Musnicki on her upcoming retirement Thursday.

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# News of the Towns



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## Quabbin Community Band to perform

The Quabbin Community band will perform Father's Day, Sunday, June 20 at Nornay Park, South Barre beginning at 6 p.m. After careful consideration, the group will offer this stand alone program in the hopes to perform other concerts throughout the summer. In the years before Covid, Quabbin Community Band had a long-standing tradition, performing a summer Sunday concert series, originally held at the Harding Allen Bandstand in Barre Center and in more recent years, performing in South Barre. The public is invited to attend and enjoy this wonderful evening of music for free, with donations graciously accepted. Unlike past years, this event does not have a rain location because of the current pandemic protocols. People may contact QCB music director and conductor Peter Lewis at pbl8772@gmail.com with any questions.

**Nornay Park concert**  
The Big Random band will perform Saturday, June 26 from 6-8 p.m. at Nornay Park, South Barre. The Barre Lions Club will provide a concession stand.

**Farmers market**  
The Barre Farmers' Market meets on Barre Common now through October every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Farmers and vendors will be selling produce, plants, maple syrup, honey, cards, dairy products and more.

**Barre Food Pantry distribution**  
The next Barre Food Pantry distributions will occur Thursday, June 17 from 5:30-7 p.m. The Barre Food Pantry Board of Directors is currently deliberating how to retain the best parts of their pandemic procedures and at the same time how to return to the best parts of their pre-covid practices, allowing clients more choice in the foods they receive at distribution. As they have since last spring's distributions, in order to maintain safe physical distances between volunteers and between volunteers and clients. June 17 will again be "drive-through" style distributions. Clients will line up in their vehicles on Park Street and proceed into the right hand (east) entrance driveway of the Barre Congregational Church. They will remain in their cars. They'll drive up and be checked in by a volunteer, then continue up to the church building where their groceries will be put into the trunk or wayback of their vehicle by volunteers. Volunteers should not arrive on June 17 without first contacting Dave Petrovick at 978-355-4519 or Chuck Radlo at 978-355-6463.

## How did your collection start?

By Carole Gariepy

Many people collect something. It's fun to have a collection, to have something to be watchful for when you travel or shop, something your friends and family can give you. It's fun to look at the collection and remember the place or person connected to each piece. I am curious about what inspired collections to start.

I look at my collection of over 100 turtles. I never ever thought about collecting turtles. It all began in 1999 when we bought our small RV with the model name "Warrior" printed on the side. I didn't like that name, it didn't suit us, too aggressive, especially for Gerry, who is a very a slow driver. He was retired and our plans were to leisurely travel around the United States to visit the National Parks and historic places. I decided "Turtle" would be the perfect name - traveling and living in our shell as we slowly ventured forth. We went to the sign maker in town, he removed "Warrior" and put on "Turtle."

Soon friends and family started giving us little turtles and the friendly little figures made us smile. They seemed to represent well-wishes for happy retirement trips. We put them on a small runner on the corner of our kitchen counter. Then the numbers grew. People continued giving them and I needed a bigger runner and a bigger runner and an even bigger runner. That was my start and hopefully now the end as my kitchen counter is full.

Now for Gerry's collection. It too grew on its own and it all started with trash. We pick up roadside trash when we walk. I pick up the items that can be recycled or returned and he picks up the trash, which mostly consists of alcohol nips and lottery tickets. As he picked up nips, being an avid reader, he examined the labels and realized that numerous companies make nips. Out of curiosity he started putting them on a shelf in his workshop and added to it when he found a new one. Now he has over 70 different nips and he's added shelves to display them. You've heard of a "closet drinker." Well, anyone going into his shop would think he's a "shop drinker." It sure is an unusual collection for a teetotaler.

Dick's collection was ignited by a fire. He became fascinated with glass insulators after his friend Skippy found one while helping the fire department fight a brush fire. That find opened a door to telegraph history as the two friends hiked the old railroad tracks where the telegraph poles were erected to



Carole Gariepy collects turtles, which she displays on her kitchen counter.



A friend of the Gariepy's collects Micky Mouse figures. This phone is part of his collection.

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## Hubbardston

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## Rainbows End playground temporally closed

The Rainbows End playground on Rte 68 is being replaced. Demolition and site work to remove the old playground is anticipated to start the week of June 21. Installation of the new playground will begin the week of Monday, July 19. The playground area will be off limits until the project is completed.

**Hubbardston Town Wide Yard Sale**  
The Hubbardston town wide yard sale will be held Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be held rain or shine. Maps will be available at the Hubbardston Senior Center on Main Street each day. There will be many yard sales throughout town including multiple ones at the senior center, a book sale at the Hubbardston Library. A yard sale, pie sale, plant sale, baked goods and water colors by Jane will be held today only at the Williamsville Chapel, New Templeton Road, Hubbardston from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. If people would like to hold a yard sale, they should email their address to slbary@charter.net to be placed on the map. Deadline is Tuesday, June 22 to be on the map.

## Town committee to select delegates

BARRE – The Barre Democratic Town Committee will be having an election to decide who will represent the town in the upcoming State Democratic Convention. The meeting for this selection of delegates will be June 25 on Zoom.

Register in advance for this meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8555555555>  
After registering, people will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.  
The meeting will be held virtually and people can register for the event here at the above link as well as the Barre Democratic Town Committee public Facebook page. The convention will be held at the Tsongas Center at UMass Lowell on Sept. 25. At this convention, they'll adopt a party platform, discuss party business and celebrate the successes as they prepare for upcoming elections. The event will take place in-line with all federal, state and local health guidelines and will also include a virtual option for participation.

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# News of the Towns

## PUBLIC MEETINGS

*Note: Many meetings are closed to the public or will be held remotely.*

### BARRE

South Barre Common Committee – June 17 at 6 p.m.  
Sewer Commission – June 17 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Selectmen – June 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
Cemetery Commission – June 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
and June 24 at 11 a.m.  
Conservation Committee – June 22 at 7 p.m.  
Barre Housing Authority – July 1 at 3 p.m.  
Felton Field Commission – July 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – July 7 at 1 p.m.  
Board of Health – July 12 at 5 p.m.  
Water Commission – July 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
DPW Commission – July 12 at 7 p.m.  
Library Trustees – July 14 at 6:30 p.m.  
Cable Advisory Committee – Aug. 10 at 7 p.m.

### HARDWICK

Board of Selectmen – June 19 at 8 a.m. and June 28 at 6 p.m. and virtual at 6:30 p.m.  
Finance Committee – June 19 at 8 a.m.  
Personnel Committee – June 22 at 5:30 p.m.  
Planning Board – June 22 at 6:30 p.m.  
Cemetery Commissioners – June 22 at 6:30 p.m.  
Board of Health – July 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Paige Library Trustees – July 1 at 7 p.m.  
Recycling Commission – July 12 at 6:30 p.m.  
Council on Aging – July 8 at 9:30 p.m.  
Gilbertville Public Library – July 9 at 4 p.m.  
Gilbertville-Wheelwright Sewer Commissioners – July 12 at 6 p.m.

### HUBBARDSTON

Planning Board – June 17 and July 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Town Center Committee – June 17 at 7 p.m.  
Select Board – June 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
Planning Board with Select Board – June 21 at 6:30 p.m.  
Open Space Committee – June 29 and July 27 at 7 p.m.  
Board of Health – June 22 at 12L20 p.m.  
Planning Board – July 1 at 6:30 p.m.  
Historical Commission – July 3 at 10 a.m.  
Conservation Commission – July 6 at 7 p.m.

### PETERSHAM

Board of Health – June 17 and July 1 at 7 p.m.  
Planning Board – June 24 at 7 p.m.  
Nichewaug Inn and Academy Committee 2020 – June 28 at 6:30 p.m.  
Open Space and Recreation Committee – July 6 at 6:30 p.m.  
Conservation Commission – July 6 at 7:30 p.m.  
Board of Assessors – July 23 at 9 a.m.

### RUTLAND

Earthworks Board Public Hearing – June 17 at 6:30 p.m.  
Ad Hoc By-law Committee – June 22 at 1 p.m.  
Planning Board Public Hearing – June 22 at 6:40 p.m.  
Special Town Election – June 8 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Override Question

## Hardwick

### BOS and FinCom continue FY 22 budget discussion

By Paula Ouimette  
Staff Writer

**HARDWICK** – The Hardwick Board of Selectmen held a joint meeting with the Finance Committee via Zoom Monday night at 6 p.m.

Highway department budget Highway Superintendent Marty Gryszowka said his department has been level funded for years. He said there are three of them making up the entire department and he has been pushing them very hard to get stuff done. Lori Hoffman said the highway department is having difficulty employing anyone with a CDL at their current pay rate. Gryszowka said they are having a hard time getting employees to stay and he hoped to give the two he has an incentive by raising their salaries by \$2,080 (about \$1 more an hour, per year).

BOS Chair Kelly Kemp said the non-contracted town employees were not receiving increases due to budget constraints. Finance Committee Chair Cheryl Wolfe asked how much this salary increase would raise the highway department budget. BOS Vice Chair Julie Quink said it is roughly a 4.5 percent increase. Wolfe asked Gryszowka if a 3 percent increase would be enough. Gryszowka said “anything is better than nothing... an incentive would be great.”

Gryszowka expressed concern he would continue to lose

employees due to the low pay scale. He said they are responsible for not only the roads, but mowing, cemeteries, the baseball fields and flags. Kemp said they know how hard the highway department works and they would keep those salary increases highlighted on the budget draft.

#### IT contract

Quink said she is still working on an updated number for the IT budget, which is currently listed for \$20,000 for FY 22. Quink said the monthly invoices from Paragus are around \$2,500, which would put their budget somewhere between \$25,000-\$30,000.

Paragus provides IT services to the town as part of a consortium. Quink said four hours of service a month are paid by the consortium and the remaining 11 hours are paid by the town. She said they have been consistently going over their allotted amount and maybe they need to increase their hours.

#### Student transportation

Kemp and Quink got in touch with both Hardwick students, who attend Smith Vocational and Agricultural High School and neither one needs transportation, as they both drive. Kemp said she felt comfortable reducing the transportation budget as the students did not need those services.

#### Town Administrator salary

Kemp asked if they could input the low salary range for

Town Administrator in the budget spreadsheet. Wolfe said she did not think they would be able to hire anyone at the low number and they should budget for more. The town administrator salary was inputted as \$67,500.

#### Overlay from assessors

Board of Assessors member Jennifer Kolenda said her board has a \$49,000 overlay they can use for a buffer in the budget if needed.

#### Unpaid real estate taxes

Town Collector Ellen Whitney said the town has 66 properties that have not paid real estate taxes for FY 21 yet. Whitney said this is higher than average and advertising the notice in the newspaper would be \$2,800 and recording the titles with Registry of Deed for 50 properties would be \$5,000. She said a lot of their titles they are holding, have issues, which will need to be cleaned up. Many of the properties need clean titles are vacant and borderline condemned. Quink said she would meet with Whitney and Treasurer Jessica Crawford to come up with a strategy to deal with this.

#### Transfer for highway department

Wolfe asked to transfer \$11,500 from the highway laborer account to the highway road machinery account. The transfer was approved.

The next joint meeting with the Finance Committee is Monday, June 14 at 6 p.m.

### MSCPA names Julie Quink to board of directors

**BOSTON** – The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants announced Julie Quink, CPA, CFE, was elected to the board of directors for its 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Quink, a Hardwick resident, is managing principal at Burkhart, Pizzanelli, PC where she is responsible for attestation practices, including performing and supervising engagements. Burkhart, Pizzanelli, PC is committed to partnering with their clients, the community and team members to impact the world and achieve success.

The MSCPA board of directors is a group of 19 elected members that sets pol-

icies, manages programs and oversees activities that benefit the 11,000-member organization and accounting profession in Massachusetts.

“The MSCPA’s board of directors are a remarkable diverse group of individuals who play a vital role in shaping the priorities of the Society and truly want to better the profession,” said Amy Pitter, president and CEO of the MSCPA. “I am thrilled to have Julie on the board and look forward to seeing how her leadership will continue to benefit the society, community and the profession in the year ahead.”

With over 30 years of experience in public accounting

and three years of private, corporate accounting experience, Quink performs and consults on fraud and forensic engagements. In addition, she is involved in the accounting and consulting aspects of the practice and manages engagements of various sizes and complexity. She also performs services relative to forensic and fraud-related engagements.

The Massachusetts Society of Certified Public Accountants, Inc. is the state professional association of certified public accountants, representing over 11,000 members in public accounting practice, industry and business, government and education. The society works to develop and maintain high professional standards and offers a wide array of legislative, technical and referral services to its members.



Julie Quink

## Barre Dining Center

**BARRE** — Elder Services of Worcester Area Nutrition Program welcomes guests to dine at the Barre Senior Center, 557 South Barre Road. The following meals will be served for the week of June 21. Lunches are back at the senior center, but require a pre-sign up. Volunteers are needed at the Barre dining site. Volunteers are needed for Meals on Wheels (mileage reimbursement) and in the kitchen. People should contact 978-355-5027.

**MON.** – Shepherd’s pie, carrots, peas, tapioca, diet = diet tapioca, marble rye bread

**TUES.** – Greek chicken, lemon seasoned rice, spinach, fresh fruit, whole wheat bread

**WED.** – Meatloaf with gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, chuckwagon corn, peaches, pumpernickel bread  
**THURS.** – Jumbo cheese ravioli with meat sauce, roasted broccoli, baked cinnamon pears, Italian bread

**FRI.** – Lemon peppered haddock, potatoes au gratin, beets, vanilla yogurt, tartar sauce, cran-orange Snack ‘n Loaf  
\*Diabetic friendly dessert \*\*Higher sodium entree Meal includes milk and margarine. Menus are subject to change. All meals are served at about 11:45 a.m. each weekday. Reservations should be made the day before by calling 978-355-5027 before 10:30 a.m. The donation of \$2.50 per meal helps keep the program running.

## Organic farmers to host layer management workshop

**BARRE** – Many Hands Organic Farm, 411 Sheldon Road, will be hosting a workshop regarding layer management with chicken tractors Saturday, July 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at the farm. They will discuss the benefits of a mobile house where chickens can pasture and participants will get some hands-on experience building a new house. Egg collection, feeding and watering and security from roaming dogs and wildlife will also be discussed. Registration is available on the Many Hands Organic Farm website at mhof.net/events-workshops.

## Town wide yard sale set for June 26 and 27

**HUBBARDSTON** – The Hubbardston town wide yard sale will be held Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It will be held rain or shine.

Maps will be available at the Hubbardston Senior Center on Main Street each day. There will be many yard sales throughout town including multiple ones at the senior center, a book sale at the Hubbardston Library. A yard sale, pie sale, plant sale, baked goods and water colors by Jane will be held today only at the Williamsville Chapel, New Templeton Road, Hubbardston from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

If people would like to hold a yard sale, they should email their address to slbarr@charter.net to be placed on the map. Deadline is Tuesday, June 22 to be on the map.

## Oakham

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## Summer concert series begin

The summer concert series in the gazebo on the Oakham Common begins Thursday, June 24 from 6:30-8 p.m. with the band Say Uncle. Other concert dates are: July 8 The Green Sisters, July 22 Beatles for Sale, Aug. 5 Weir River Jazz and Aug. 19 The Otters. All concerts are held Thursday evenings from 6:30-8 p.m.

#### Fobes Library events

Fobes Memorial Library, 4 Maple St., will host some in person programs this month. Thursday, June 17 at 7 p.m. there will be a book talk with Ben Montgomery author of “Grandma Gatewood’s Walk.” This is a Zoom program. People should register at the library for login information. Shelter Building with Owl Eyes Wilderness will take place Saturday, June 17 at 7 p.m. Register and join Owl Eyes Wilderness for this all ages program focused on debris shelter building. Regulating core body temperature is a higher priority than hydrating and eating food. Participants will use sticks and what they find on the forest floor to build a personal shelter called a debris shelter. This shelter requires no tools or rope to build. It also keeps people dry and warm without the use of a fire. Saturday, June 26 at 11 a.m. the library will host Design Your Own Trail with Mass. Audubon. Participants will scout the outdoor space and then use paper and pencil to create interesting trails, noting highlights and points of interest. Finally, they’ll walk each other’s trails, with the trail maker as their guide and a Wachusett Meadow naturalist to assist with nature interpretation. People don’t have to leave Oakham to have a trail adventure. This is a family friendly program. Registration for the summer reading program starts June 17 and earn jewels and other prizes as they read. Reading Jewels is aimed at children ages 2-12. Tweens and teens can also participate in an alternative summer reading program - check in at the library to learn more. StoryWalk begins in front of the library next to the hydrangea tree and continues down towards the library’s patio. The Story Walk continues counterclockwise around Wright Field and ends back up next to the library. Stop in at the library afterwards for a themed take home activity kit for the children Current story is “Grandma Gatewood Hikes the Appalachian Trail” by Jennifer Thermes (available now through June 15. Craft kit is a tiny greenhouse.

#### Church news

The Oakham Congregational Church will hold in person Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Sunday School has ended for the school year and will resume in September.

## Places to go... Things to do...



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Opinion

Column

Spending a day in Rhode Island

Last Friday my brother and I took our annual trip to Rhode Island after a year hiatus. Ever since my brother moved back to Massachusetts, we have taken a day trip to North Burial Ground in Providence to our paternal grandparents plot.

Last year, due to the pandemic we did not make the trip. This year, now that both of us are fully vaccinated and things are opening up again, we headed to Rhode Island. My brother lives in Sutton so I drove to his house and rode with him from there.

We trimmed around the stone and planted petunias in front of the hostas, which were planted years ago. My grandfather designed the stone, which was rough-cut stone with a scroll and lilies. His first wife died during the Spanish influenza pandemic. About 100 years later, we experienced another pandemic. Both pandemics had a high death toll.

I certainly have a different outlook having spent much of the past year in virtual lockdown due the COVID 19 pandemic. After paying our respects to our grandparents we headed to Point Judith for lunch and to see the ocean.

We have been stopping at the same restaurant for several years. We both ordered seafood of course and a side order of clam cakes. The clam cakes were a treat.

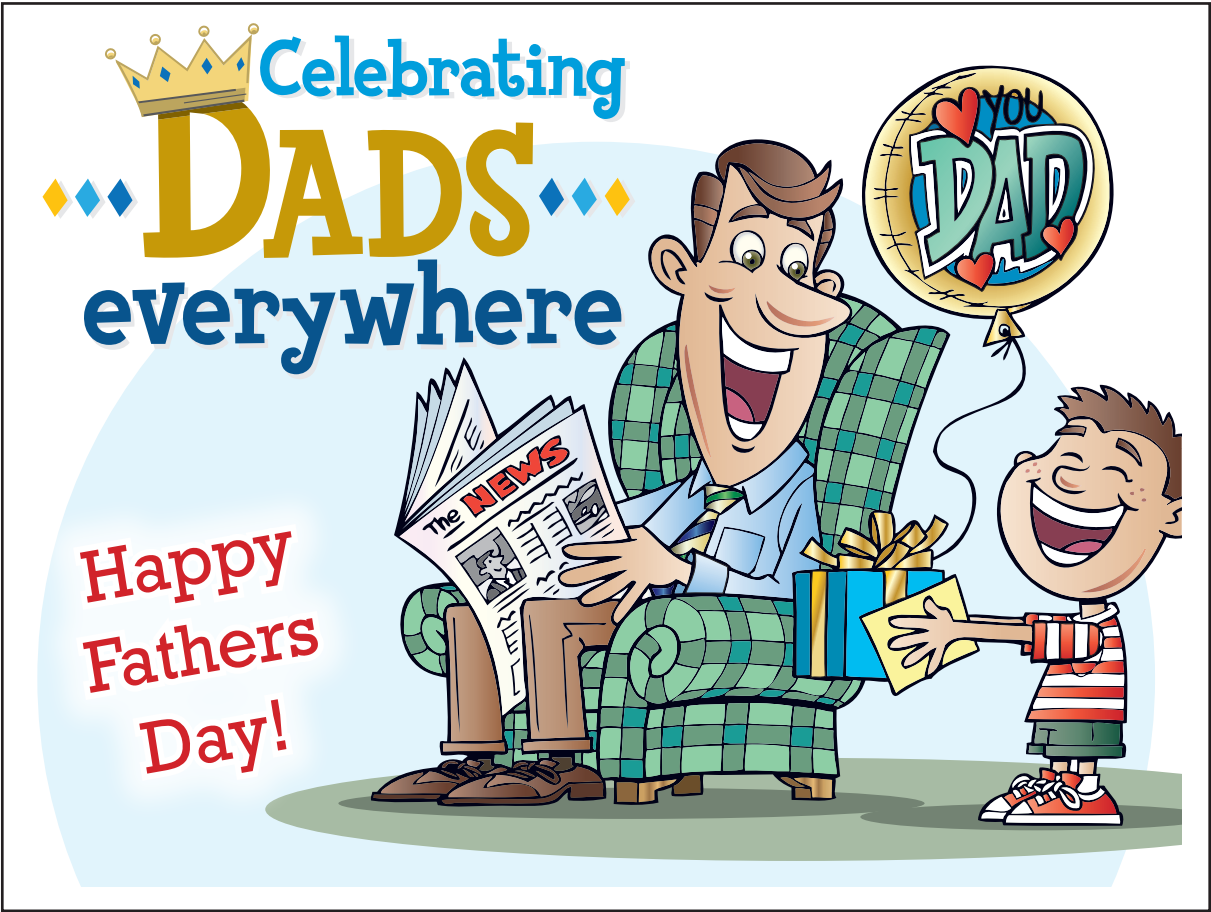
The restaurant, since our last visit, now has a small bakery and sells pies and tasty cinnamon raisin bread. We both purchased a loaf. It made great cinnamon raisin toast.

Before heading back to Massachusetts, we stopped at the Fishermen's Memorial in Point Judith. It has a great view of Block Island. The beach roses were in full bloom and smelled heavenly. After stopping at the memorial, we stopped at Point Judith Light. We saw several sailboats and a large ship just on the horizon.

It was a wonderful day and it was good to spend time with my brother after being isolated for so long.



Ellenor Downer



In Past Pages

5 years ago (June 23, 2021)

The Quabbin Community Band welcomes guest conductor Joe Janak as they present, "Joe's Program" Sunday, June 26 at 6 p.m. at the Nornay Park gazebo on the South Barre Common, Main Street. The band will perform tunes from a variety of composers including Frank Ticheli and Leroy Anderson, as well as music from "Les Miserables."

The Oakham Parks and Recreation Committee will hold a block party Saturday, June 25 from 3-9 p.m. There will be live music, car show, burnouts, prizes, food, beer and wine and children's activities. Shows and events open at 3 p.m. Burnout and car show registrations starts at 3 p.m. as well as activities and games at the library. The Oakham Congregational Church will sell strawberry shortcake and strawberry and brownie sundaes from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

It was a long annual town meeting warrant and a long meeting in Barre Tuesday night. It took the approximately 230 voters present over 3 ½ hours to conduct town business. Monica Lamboy from the Collins Center at UMass Boston presented an overview of the five-year capitol plan, the center provided to the town through a Community Compact Grant. She explained the purpose of a capital plan was to fund things that do not happen every day such as the purchase of equipment, land or constructing a new building or major repairs or upgrades to an existing one. Such a plan would help avoid emergency repairs.

10 years ago (June 23, 2011)

Fourth graders at the Oakham Center School and senior citizens in town participated in a pen pal program during the school year. They finally met at an ice cream social held at the school last Friday. Lucy Tessnau of the Oakham Council on Aging asked the school if students would be interested in letter writing with seniors form town. Fourth grade teachers, Kyle Carey and Nancy Heppenstall, welcomed the idea as their students work with writing the year. It was not until Friday that the writers learned the identity of their pen pal.

The Barre Department of Public Works sewer department will be conducting sewer line cleaning on the following dates: June 27 through July 13 – Debra Lane, Town Farm Road, Fruitland Road, Cathy Lane, Terry Lane, Wildwood Drive and Worcester Road. During this process, they use a high pressure jetting machine to clean the sewer lines. People may experience a rumbling sound, in addition to the possibility of water expelling from the sink, bathtub and/or toilet.

LOOK BACK  
Barre Common - 1950s



Turley Publications File Photo

This photo from 1950s shows an event at Barre Common.

About 250 registered voters attended the Monday night annual town meeting. They approved a \$9.1 million plus budget with very little discussion. The only comments referenced the Quabbin Regional School District budget. Craig Shibley said the shared superintendent has failed as there has been no promised savings. He urged voters to vote non on the QRSD budget.

25 years ago (June 20, 1996)

Selectman Arlene Betteridge has been named executive director of the Performing Arts School of Worcester. PASOW officials hope her leadership will improve the financial situation of the organization and the school will be able to stay in its headquarters at 29 High St. Betteridge said, "I'm excited and thrilled to be here. I believed deeply in the dream of the people, who originally endowed the building – to form a Performing Arts Center of Worcester.

Kristal Handy, a Quabbin Regional Middle School student, was recognized for her courage and bravery last Wednesday at an awards night at the school. The 13-year old fended off a burglar at her home last September by yelling and waving her hockey stick. Barre Police Chief James Thompson presented her with a medal attached to a red, white and blue ribbon for her heroic efforts and State Rep. Stephen M. Brewer presented her with a citation form the House of Representatives honoring her for her courage and bravery.

The bride wore white lace and boots and her escort a brown horse. The groom was resplendent in black suit and Stetson and his escort was a white Appaloosa. According to her long time friend

and matron of hone, Heidi Banks, Tina Cherie Manning had said from the time she was 12 that her dream was to be married on horseback. A year ago, at a country and western line dance, she met Dennis Edgar Dalbee, who shared her love of horses and riding. On June 13 all the planning and work of the couple and a devoted group of friends culminated in an meaningful and fitting ceremony held on the grounds of the Hubbardston Orchards on Route 68.

38 years ago (June 23, 1983)

The Barre Woman's Club is sponsoring their Annual Flea Market Sunday July 10 at 11 a.m. on the Barre Common. All town clubs, organizations and individuals will participate. In the evening the Quabbin Community Band will hood a band concert.

Just fewer than 150 of Barre's registered voters voted in a budget of \$2,426,803 at Saturday's Annual Town Meeting. Barre exceeded the proposition 2 ½ cap by \$55,473. Voters had second thoughts about a 90% health insurance benefit given to town employees last year and accepted the finance committee's recommendation to reduce the benefit to 50%, which would be paid by the town.

Voters in Hubbardston approved a \$70,000 renovation and up-dating of the Town Offices in the library building with \$10,000 coming from the stabilization fund and \$60,000 to be borrowed over a 10 year note. The renovations will include two new rest rooms, a town vault, a waiting room, separate rooms for the police department and dispatchers and removal of an oil storage tans to the outside making room for the custodian supply closet. A new septic system will also be installed.

Guest Column

Adventures of Gertrude the Cat

By Ruth Robinson

Dear Folks,

Yesterday, I had an interesting adventure. Missy's daughter came over to plant her outside gardens and brought her dog along with her.



When they got through, they came into the house to get some water. The dog bounded over towards me and I hunched my back and hissed very loudly ready to attack. The daughter yelled, "Molly, sit down." Molly, oh my goodness, it is the little puppy, Molly, all grown up. I have not seen her in over a year. Puppies do grow into dogs and kittens into cats. They didn't stay long, but I suddenly remembered about when she was small.

Missy shut all the bedroom doors while she and her daughter visited in the living room. That meant that Molly and I were free to run up and down the hallway, around the kitchen and then into the dining room where we went in and out and over and under all the chair rungs around the table in the corners too. Boy, what fun we had.

Then they left to go home and Missy went back to cleaning out the lower kitchen cupboard. I went to check my birdies and then came back to the kitchen where upon I jumped into the empty shelf and thought I would snuggle down. However, Missy had other ideas and promptly scooped me out of there. I landed on my nose. I shook my head and then in cat language uttered several bad words. It is a good thing Missy doesn't understand cat language or I might have been in trouble.

I was wondering just what to do next when it suddenly got dark. The wind began to blow and the rain beat against the window. There were loud booms and lightning as the thunderstorm grew closer. It got louder with crashes and more booms. I got scared and went under the bedroom bed to hide, but I didn't feel safe there.

Missy decided to lie down on her bed until the storm stopped. I jumped up on the bed and snuggled down next to her. We both fell asleep. When I awoke, the sun was shining. Hooray, enjoy this summer weather folks.

Love,  
Gertrude

Letter to the Editor

Accident victim praises police, fire and EMS

I was recently involved in a serious mountain biking accident in Barre and want to offer my most sincere thank you for your efforts on that day.

I am unable to name all of the people, who responded but was coherent enough to appreciate their professionalism and the smooth working relationship they all shared. They provided a calming effect that was much needed at the time. Thanks to their efforts I am on a long road to a full recovery. I have a newfound appreciation for your competence and skill.

Sincerely,  
Brent Bolger  
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Roberta McQuaid  
Columnist

It was fun to take a mini-vacation this past week! However, I have to admit that was weird to leave a newly-installed garden and a hen sitting on eggs in the care of my trusty house-sitter, especially with the mercury soaring the way it did. I came home to a garden that looked great and no chicks, yet...

Here are some observations from both during and after my vacation.

The vacation house had a major bunny problem. The owner installed a number of native plants to encourage pollinators and the rabbits seem to find most palatable. A small fence was installed around the perennials off the porch, but the new blueberries and serviceberry have been clear cut of anything rabbit height or less. Most of the shrubs in the mixed border have an umbrella-like appearance, with woody stems down low and growth at the top only.

I recommended switching up the repellents to keep the bunnies away, and this comes from personal experience. At the old house I never had a problem with rabbits in my garden until after the dog died. It would be safe to assume that "the marking of his territory" had something to do with my good fortune. Outside of dog urine, there are lots of other deterrents out there that folks swear by. One is dried blood. The smell signals danger. To be effective it must be reapplied each week as well as after it rains. You can either sprinkle a narrow band around the perimeter of the border or place containers of it in the garden. Dried blood is a nitrogen fertilizer and is available at most garden centers. It will burn sensitive plants if applied directly on top of them, so sprinkle it a few inches away from the base. Along the same line would be ammonia sprays.

I have also heard of different home brews that you may or may not want to whip up in your blender. One consists of garlic, hot peppers and marigold leaves; maybe this combination would work better than the other tactics already tried. Again, these would need to be replenished periodically and switched on occasion to keep the scent new and dangerous.

I visited a couple of great nurseries on Cape Cod. The hydrangeas they sell there are amazing, and it was oh, so tempting to bring one home. Unfortunately, I had just bought one a month ago that was advertised to be good and hardy, but not the blue I had wanted. More of a purple-blue. It was neat to come home and see that the advice I had given others for many years actually worked. By adding sulfur to the edges of the planting hole my new hydrangea is turning a lovely shade of blue. Yay! I am honestly amazed at how quickly the changeover took place. If you'd rather a pink toned hydrangea, raise the pH of the soil by sprinkling a couple of cups of dolomitic lime around the base of the plant once or twice throughout the growing season. A higher pH will prevent aluminum from being drawn up by the plant; aluminum has a bluing effect on the flowers of this particular type of hydrangea (H. macrophylla). Likewise, hydrangeas absorb more aluminum from acidic soil, so to make pink hydrangeas blue, do as

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## Serenity Hill Sampler

by Jane McCauley

This week's weather has been very different. One day very hot and the next very cool. I did go to Rietta Ranch flea market on Sunday from 6 to 8 a.m. and got some nice bargains. One of the prizes was a set of two theorum paintings of a boy and a girl framed nicely with a mat that was decorated with scrolls. Also I bought some more of my favorite color petunias.

The answer to the riddle in last week's column was a river. Several of my friends knew the answer.

I also got a nice church recipe book and this is the recipe I plan to make with some bananas I have in the freezer.

### BANANA NUT BREAD

1/2 cup salad oil  
1 cup sugar  
2 eggs, beaten  
3 ripe bananas  
2 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking soda  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1/2 teaspoon baking powder  
3 tablespoons milk  
1/2 cup chopped nuts  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Beat oil and sugar together. Add eggs and banana pulp and beat well. Add sifted dry ingredients to milk and vanilla and mix well. Stir in nuts. Pour into a greased and floured 5 by 9 pan. Bake in a preheated oven 350 degrees for about 1 hour. Cool well and store over night before cutting. Makes one loaf.

### This and That

To make a simple polish for copper bottom cookware. I have Revereware. I mix equal parts of flour and salt with vinegar to create a paste. Store the paste in the refrigerator.

Corning Ware can be cleaned by filling it with water and dropping in two denture clean-

ing tablets. Let stand for 30 to 45 minutes. I have several sets of Corning Ware and will have to try that the next time they get stained.

I didn't get to the Hubbardston Town Fair as it was raining at 9 a.m. Later I drove down there, but the parking lot was full. I went to Walmart and got groceries instead.

My friend, Carol, came for a visit and to get some clippings of my Seven Sisters rose bush. She hopes to start some bushes. I had originally given her some from the old homestead she owned, but she had to sell it and couldn't bring the rose bushes with her. Another friend, Karen, reported that her Seven Sisters rose bush was going to bloom that I gave her.

The Knock Out roses are in full bloom and very colorful this year. There seems to be a lot of blooms on the laurel and the wei-

gelia is beautiful. The dogwood is blooming and the rhododendrons are still in bloom.

One must note that there are a lot of ticks this year so check your body each time you go outside. I found one on my foot and one on my face. Luckily they had not penetrated yet. There is a spray that you can spray on your clothes that you use when gardening. They seem to stay away when you use that spray.

Father's Day will be coming up on Sunday and Happy Fathers Day to all the dads. May your week be filled with happiness.

After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind." What did he leave behind? The answer will be in next week's paper.

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budget administrative services, \$25,000 for an external financial audit, \$4,500 for a purchase storage unit for town hall, \$850 to purchase two time clocks, \$2,500 for purchasing and installing five window air conditioners, \$4,500 for a mobile heated cabinet (food warmer unit) for the Oakham Center School kitchen and \$150,000 into the Capital Stabilization Account.

Voters had to amend article 10, which was worded incorrectly in the article and motion. In the original motion vot-

ers said yes with a 39 for and one opposed to put \$6,000 in the Assessors Revaluation Stabilization Account. Claire Hendra of the Finance Committee at the end of the meeting said the article and motion should transfer from free cash to the Assessors Revaluation Stabilization Account. Voters approved the amendment.

Residents also approved \$1,000 as a grant to Wachusett Greenways to create and maintain trails and set the caps to revolving accounts for the board of health \$10,000, building inspector \$50,000, plumbing inspector \$5,000, wire inspec-

tor \$50,000, deputy collector \$8,000, planning board \$5,000 and zoning appeals board \$3,000. Russell Killough-Miller asked why the building and wire inspectors' caps were higher. Moderator Dennis Bergin, who is also the wire inspector, said it was higher due to the fees those inspectors collected from the solar operations in town.

Voters also approved a transfer \$5,500 from Ambulance Reserve Account for a set of tires for the fire department tanker truck and \$47,231 from the same account to purchase a pick up truck and equip it for a command vehicle for the fire department.

Since the town contracts ambulance services with Rutland, voters also eliminated the Ambulance Receipts Reserve Account, as it was no longer needed.

The final article on the warrant asked voters to establish a Town Hall Study Committee, to be appointed by the board of selectmen and to provide a study report at the next Annual Town Meeting. The moderator before seeking a motion to adjourn said anyone interested in serving on the Town Hall Study Committee should talk to the selectmen after the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54, just under an hour.

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that the cause of the flooding was caused by a hand-dug well, commonly used in the past. Arnold said the engineering report does not mention overflowing hand-dug wells in their analysis of the area. Arnold

said he has asked Benoit several times for the hydrology reports but has not received them. Repairing this issue would address road flooding and ice buildup. Arnold thanked the Fire Department for assisting them whenever the power goes out and the sump pumps cannot work.

A resident of 19 Gilbert St. said he has the same situation as the Arnolds. Another resident said they also have flooding issues, and they are on their third furnace. They said half of their property is under water six months of the year. "It's a recurring problem that's been going on since at least

1978," he said. A Summer Street resident, neighboring the Arnolds, said there is a large sinkhole developing at their home as a result of the flooding.

A ballot vote was taken with 157 "yes" votes and 43 "no" votes therefore the motion carried.

## Where is this?



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This week's mystery photo is from New Braintree. If any readers know where this photo was taken, they may email edowner@turley.com or call the Barre Gazette at 413-967-3505, extension 100 with their answer by noon on Monday, June 21. The names of those that correctly guessed the location will appear in next week's edition. Ed Bilodeau, Dick Clark, Stephen Craven, Bill Fichtel, Rosemary Horan, Evelyn Luukko, Jane McCauley, Lynn Oaks, Paula Paquette, Lisa Rollins and Jeremy Varnum correctly identified the photo. Last week's photo was the skateboard park at Curtis Recreation Field, Rte. 68, Hubbardston.

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The Baystate Mary Lane Satellite Emergency Facility is closed. All future emergency department services in the Baystate Health Eastern Region will be provided at **Baystate Wing Hospital**, located at 40 Wright Street in Palmer.

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# Calendar of Events



**JUNE 12**  
HUBBARDSTON TOWN WIDE YARD SALE will be held today and tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain or shine. Maps will be available at the Hubbardston Senior Center, Main Street, Hubbardston each day. There will be many yard sales throughout town including multiple ones at the senior center, a book sale at the Hubbardston Library. A yard sale, pie sale, plant sale, baked goods and water colors by Jane will be held at the Williamsville Chapel, New Templeton Road, Hubbardston today only from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JUNE 18**  
PETERSHAM FRIDAY MARKET will be held on the Petersham Common, Rte. 32, Petersham Friday afternoons from 3-6 p.m.  
SUMMER SOLSTICE CELEBRATION sponsored by the Hardwick Historical Society and the Friends of the Paige Memorial Library will be held today from 5-8 p.m. on the Hardwick Common. Please note the change of date due to thunder showers on Saturday, June 19. People should ring blankets or chairs and a picnic. The Otters sponsored by a grant from the Hardwick/New Braintree Cultural Council will entertain with music.. There will be hot dogs, root beer floats with ice cream from Rondeau's Dairy Bar and cookies for purchase. Materials will be available for craft projects. People may dress for the event in tie-dye clothes and wear flowers in their hair.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 19**  
BARRE FARMERS' MARKET will be held Saturdays now through October on South Common in Barre from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The market features local farmers, crafters and more.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 20**  
OAKHAM FARMERS' MARKET will be held every Sunday from 8 a.m. to noon at Wright Memorial Field, Ware Corner Road, Oakham now through Sept. 5. QUABBIN COMMUNITY BAND celebrates Father's Day with a concert at Nornay Park, Main Street, South Barre beginning at 6 p.m. After careful consideration, the group will offer this stand alone program in the hopes to perform other concerts throughout the summer. In the years before Covid, Quabbin Community Band had a long-standing tradition, performing a summer Sunday concert series, originally held at the Harding Allen Bandstand in Barre Center and in more recent years, performing in South Barre. The public is invited to attend and enjoy this wonderful evening of music for free, with donations graciously accepted. Unlike past years, this event does not have a rain location because of the current pandemic protocols. People may contact QCB music director and conductor Peter Lewis at pbl8772@gmail.com with any questions.

**TUESDAY, JUNE 22**  
CENTRAL MAS. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY will host a Zoom meeting with David Vermette entitled "Another Border: The Reception of French-Canadians in New England." Visitors are welcome to participate. People may go to [www.cmgs.org](http://www.cmgs.org) for more information. Two million New Englanders are French-Canadian or Acadian descendants and yet they remain among the region's least known historic communities. Vermette's talk will place these late 19th and early 20th century immigrants to the U.S. in an historical context that includes the early French presence in North America; the events after the Civil War that drew them to the region, particularly into

the textile industry; and the little-known story of the opposition and conspiracy-mongering they faced when they arrived. Vermette's talk will expose immigration and labor history with surprising resonance for today. Membership is \$15 for an individual or \$20 for a couple per year, January to December. People wishing to join should mail a check CMGS, P.O. Box 811 Westminster, MA 01473.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 24**  
AMERICAN PATRIOTISM will be the topic of lecture series at the Gardner Museum, Gardner from 7-8 p.m. Reservation is required by calling 978-632-3277 or emailing [info@gardnermuseuminc.com](mailto:info@gardnermuseuminc.com). Admission for non-members is \$3. A museum reception is from 6:30-7 p.m. Professor Ben Railton will be the speaker. The presentation is based on his latest book, "Of Thee I Sing – The Contested History of American Patriotism."

**FRIDAY, JUNE 25**  
STRAWBERRY SUPPER will be held at The United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., Ware. The United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., from 5-6 p.m. by takeout only. People can drive up to the Church Street side of the church building and a runner will come to take their order and bring their meals out to their vehicle. The meal includes ham, potato salad, green salad, homemade baked beans, rolls, and freshly picked sweetened strawberries on biscuits with real whipped cream. The cost is \$12 per meal. For more information, people may call the church office at 413-967-9981.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 26**  
GARDEN AND FARM TOUR will be held today

and tomorrow in New Braintree from 10 am. To 3 p.m. both days. The tour highlights six gardens and four farms in New Braintree. Tickets can be purchased at <https://EQLT.org> at the "Benefit Garden Tour" tab. Prices through June 21 are \$15 for individuals or \$30 for a family of two to five members. After June 21, the prices increase to \$20 for individuals or \$40 for a family. Tickets can be purchased June 26 and 27 at the New Braintree Historical Society, 10 Utley Road. Participants may bring a picnic lunch and a blanket to eat in one of the host gardens. Garden tour proceeds benefit the programs of the East Quabbin Land Trust as it cares for the land that sustains us. Also, plants may be available for purchase at one or more of the gardens. People may call 413-477-8229 with additional questions.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 27**  
FRINED OF THE STONE CHURCH will present a free concert with the Weir River Concert Band from 2-3:45 p.m. on the lawn at the Stone Church, Main Street, Gilbertville. People should bring a blanket or chair. Tent and refreshments will be provided. The concert is funded in part by a grant from the Mass. Cultural Council, a state agency.

The reopening marks the completion of an 18-month project focusing on critical systems upgrades. The museum operating hours are Wednesday through Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Consistent with CDC recommendations, people, who are not fully vaccinated, must continue to wear masks indoors and in crowded outdoor spaces. Springfield Armory National Historic Site is the location of the nation's first armory (1794 - 1968). It includes historic grounds, buildings, and the world's largest historic American military firearms collection. For updates and further information, people may call 413-734-8551, visit [www.nps.gov/spar](http://www.nps.gov/spar) or go to [www.facebook.com/sparnhs](http://www.facebook.com/sparnhs).

## QUABBIN ENVIRONTHON, continued from page 1

Quabbin team interviewed eight individuals. The students interviewed Shauma Little of the Environmental Protection Agency, Julie Rawson and Jack Kittredge of Many Hands Organic Farm, Hern Eck forester with the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Brett Bosjolie environmental analyst with DCR, Justin Gonsor environmental education/communication with DCR, Dr. Jason Spolarski fisheries biologist with DCR and Dr. Neil Peverson forest ecologist with Harvard Forest.

In addition to the interviews, the team had an on site visit to the Quabbin Reservoir. In a normal year, high school teams from throughout the state would meet in person and participate in workstations. This year due to the pandemic, the team prepared a virtual presentation, which they presented to a panel of judges and then had a live Zoom session where the judges asked the students questions on May 18. This year's site was the Quabbin Reservoir. They also used on line maps. The Quabbin team worked from a map of the five member towns in the Quabbin Regional School District and the Ware River, Swift River and Quaboag River watershed. The map showed the water, forest and development. The team prepared for the presentation beginning in September and meeting once a week for an hour until the event.

Andrews said her team enjoyed interviewing people one and one and the site visits to Soapstone Hill at Quabbin Reservoir and hiking around the Swift River. The team had a limited number of site visits due to the hybrid school schedule throughout most of the school year. She said the team received help from East Quabbin Land Trust educational outreach coordinator, Patrick Allison Jr.

This was Andrew's third year coaching the envirothon team. She said the issue in her first year coaching the team was food systems and the other two years was about water.

The 2020-2021 Massachusetts Envirothon was made possible through the contributions of partnering agencies and organizations, including financial support from the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, the U.S. Forest Service, the Massachusetts Grange, Environmental Business Council of New England, individual contributions and local conservation districts.

Multiple federal and state environmental agencies, conservation districts, non-profit organizations, higher educational institutions, and businesses are involved in planning and delivering the Massachusetts Envirothon program each year. For more information on the Massachusetts Envirothon, people may visit [www.massenvirothon.org](http://www.massenvirothon.org).

## GARDEN continued from page 4

I did and add sulfur to the soil around hydrangeas in the spring.

Another thing I came home to was sad peppers. You don't have to be a pepper psychologist to make an assessment as to why. First, they were planted during unseasonably warm mid-May weather, only to have temperatures plummet into the high 30s at night. Then, no less than a week later, we have August-like temperatures and a drought. So why are the pepper plants pale and pathetic? Probably all of the above and then some. I will likely give them some fish and seaweed emulsion and hope that they can transition to healthy plants as the temperatures and moisture moderate. Let's hope they do, anyway!

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## Lindley wins pair of events at districts

As a team, Quabbin boys track won the district meet

BARRE – The breadth and the depth of Quabbin’s varsity boys track and field team were on full display last Saturday as the team won the District Championship Meet for the third time in three years. The Panthers racked up 141 points to beat a field of 13 teams. Littleton finished second with 106 points, while Tyngsborough and North Middlesex tied for third with 55 points.

In the field, Owen Faulha led the scoring, winning the shot put and javelin. Shea Skowyra finished first in the discus and second in the shot put. Lars Jenkins finished first in the pole vault and fourth in the high jump. Picking up seconds in their events were Liam Arnold (pole vault) and Brett Earle (long jump). Andrew Twarog finished third in the high jump.

On the track, Shea Lindley finished first in the 800m in what several coaches referred to as the performance of the day. He came back later to anchor the 4x400m (Will Hood, Bailey Metcalf, Pierce Rhinhart, Lindley) to gold. Finishing second in their events were Ryan Castriotta in the 200m



Submitted photo

Shea Lindley won the 800m at the District Championship last Saturday with his 2:01.4 performance and later anchored Quabbin’s 4x400 meter team to gold.

and Brett Earle in the 100m. Lars Jenkins (110m hurdles), Owen Mahoney (2 mile) and Brendon Sherblom(400 hurdles) all placed third in their events. Fourth places performances were turned in by Bailey Metcalf (400m) and

Andrew Twarog (400 hurdles). Fifth place performances were turned in by Owen Mahoney (800m), the 4x100m relay (Ryan Castriotta, Matt Aremburg, Colin Arnold, Brett Earle) and the 4x800m relay (Kelan Mahoney,

Abdi Nassir, Danny Castriotta, Ben Hood).

The team competes at the Central-West Championship Meet this weekend with hopes of sending a strong contingent to the state meet the following weekend.

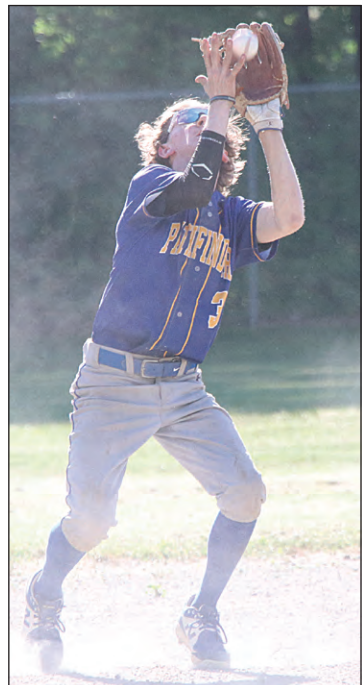
## Pathfinder season nears conclusion

PALMER – The Pathfinder Regional baseball team continues to near its end. The Pioneers have had a tough season, struggling to score runs and pick up

wins. The Pioneers hoped to end their season on a positive note when they faced Smith Vocational on Tuesday, June 15 at 4 p.m.



Cameron Zoto gets the out at first base.



Thomas Swift makes a catch on a pop-up.

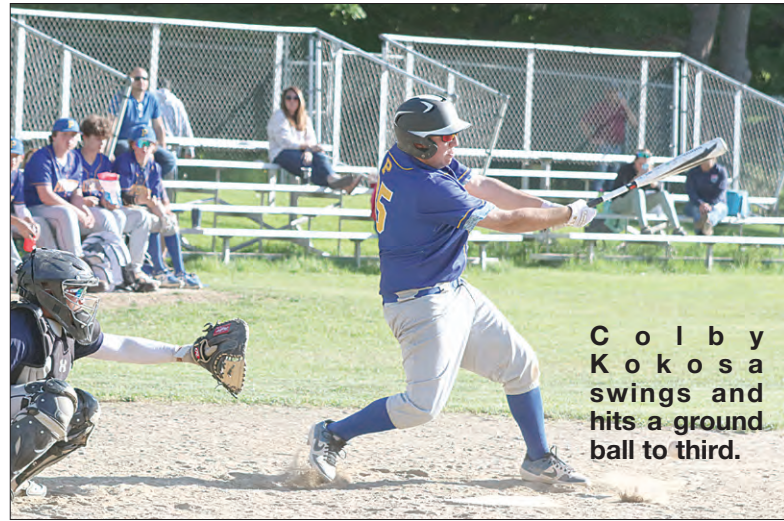


Jordan Talbot pitches for the Pioneers.

Photos by Gregory A. Scibelli



Jason Swistak sprints to first after making contact.



Colby Kokosa swings and hits a ground ball to third.

## Mutiny pick up another tie

By Tim Peterson  
Sports Correspondent

LUDLOW—The good news is the New England Mutiny have not suffered a loss in any of their four regular season matches. The bad news is the Mutiny players have only celebrated one victory so far this season. Three of their four matches have ended in 2-2 draws including their June 5 contest against the New Jersey Copa FC which was played before a good size gathering at Lusitano Stadium in Ludlow.

“It doesn’t really feel like a tie, it feels more like a loss,” said Mutiny head coach Jeb Booth. “We just didn’t play as well as we’re capable of tonight. We didn’t have the same type of energy or the focus. We just didn’t play our style.”

In order to clinch a berth in the United Women’s Soccer playoffs, the Mutiny (1-0-3) will need to finish the regular season in the top four spots of the East Conference standings.

The Mutiny’s only victory so far this season was a 6-1 home victory over the CT Rush on May 22.

They’re scheduled to play back-to-back road matches this weekend against the other two United Women’s Soccer clubs from Massachusetts. The road trip begins with a match-up against the Scorpions SC, who play their home matches at Medway High School, on Friday night. Then they’ll be battling the Worcester Smiles at Doyle Field



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Lauren Berman of South Hadley gets ready to shoot.

in Leominster the following night. “We really need to win both of our matches next weekend. I would be disappointed with anything less than that,” Booth said. “We have so many ties and we need to start stringing together some victories.”

Mutiny forward Hope Santaniello graduated from Agawam High School a couple of hours before the start of last Saturday’s home match. Santaniello, who’ll be a freshman member of the U.R.I. women’s soccer team in the fall, played a key role for the Mutiny during the 2019 season, which ended in the East Conference finals.

The Copa (2-1-1) took a 1-0

lead during the 22nd minute of the first half.

The goal was scored by Kelly Severini, who received a crossing pass from Melanie Cunha before lining a shot into the upper left corner of the net past Mutiny goalie Maddie Murphy.

The Mutiny tied the score at 1-1 six minutes later when forward Lauren Berman was taken down in the box by a Copa player and was awarded a PK by the referee. Berman, who played college soccer at Boston College and is currently an assistant coach for the Harvard women’s soccer team, fired a low shot into the back of the net past Copa goalie Isabella Castagnetti.



Hope Santaniello picks up a pass and move up the field.

Berman, who’s a first-year Mutiny player, also contributed on the go-ahead goal during the 42nd minute. She sent a crossing pass into the box from the right sideline and center forward Catherine Barry headed it into the left corner of the net past the goalie.

Barry, who recently completed her freshman season as a member of the University of South Carolina women’s soccer team, scored her fifth goal in just three games with the Mutiny.

“Cat has been a great addition and we love having her on our team this year,” Booth said. “She’s a very strong soccer player and plays the game with a lot of con-

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## Kimball, Robie split modified twinbill at Monadnock

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Matt Kimball and Brian Robie split a pair of NHSTRA Modified Quest For The Cup 35-lappers Saturday, June 12, at Monadnock Speedway, but it was the massive round-one wreck that fans will remember.

The Mod Squad took the green 25-cars strong. Matt Kimball led early, with defending Series champ Brian Robie then taking charge before pitting out of the lead on lap ten.

With Kimball, Todd Patnode, and Trevor Bleau racing under a blanket on lap 25, all hell broke loose. Patnode, with a nudge, broke loose out of turn two and shot across the track, triggering a 12-car pile-up. When the dust had settled

eight cars were done for the night.

Kimball held strong the rest of the way, sailing under the checkers ahead of Tyler Leary and Cory Plummer to win round one. Patnode, able to pit for repairs, rocketed back to fourth, Cam Sontag in fifth while Robie was dead last in 25th. But he wasn’t throwing in the towel.

Scott MacMichael, aboard the Cirillo 7, set a fast pace for the first 11 laps of the nightcap, with Kimball – gunning for a twinbill sweep – then taking charge. Robie, though, was on a mission to salvage his night.

Strong-arming his way to the front – he’d lost his power steering on lap 15 – the Sunapee star blast-



Submitted photo

Matt Kimball had a win in the NHSTRA event at Monadnock Speedy last weekend.

ed to the round-two victory. Geoff Rollins and Patnode – both victims of the first-35 big one – completed the top three. Cameron Sontag,

quietly staying out of trouble all night, put together two top-fives.

Chase Curtis scored his first Late Model Sportsman feature win

Saturday, coming from row four to take the lead on lap 19 and then hold off his dad, Chris Curtis, to top the night’s 25-lapper.

Cole Littlewood led the first seven go-rounds, then giving way to Austin Brehio, who stayed on the point until Curtis took charge. Brehio’s bronze finish enabled him to pull even with Cam Curtis atop the LMS points parade.

What a show the Street Stockers put on. Bumps, shoves, rubs and wobbles lap after lap, but never a caution.

Kenny Thompson led the first 17 circuits, with Tim Wenzel then taking over and bringing brother

See RACING, page 9

## Photos wanted for Panthers sports

BARRE – With the upcoming season and a limited number of games and opportunities to feature current athletes, the Barre Gazette is in need of and is welcoming any and all photo submissions of Fall 2 sports beginning next week. If you are interested in either taking or submitting photos from Quabbin games for use in the Barre Gazette, please contact editor Gregory A. Scibelli at sports@turley.com.







# Obituaries

## Harvey W. Trefry, 90

BARRE – Harvey W. Trefry, age 90 of Barre, formerly of Stow, passed away peacefully at his home on Wednesday, June 9, 2021. Harvey was the dear husband of Karen W. (Crawford) Trefry.

Born in Concord, Massachusetts, on Jan. 8, 1931, Harvey was the son of the late Arthur William and Esther (Hart) Trefry. Harvey was raised and educated in Stow, graduating from Hale High School, class of 1949. Upon graduation, Harvey attended Boston University for two years prior to serving in the United States Marine Corps from 1951-1954.

Harvey was a Massachusetts State Trooper for twenty-one years, serving in various barracks in Massachusetts, including Grafton working with the K9 unit and training bloodhounds. He also worked in Internal Affairs for the State Police from 1970 to 1975, retiring in 1975. Harvey and Karen married on Oct. 4, 1980.

Harvey loved his camp in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont where he indulged his life-long enjoyment of fishing, observing wildlife, playing golf and every fall, entertaining his sons and grandsons while they hunted. Harvey enjoyed traveling and the trips he and Karen took to Europe, Bermuda and within the United States. For many years the family gathered during the summer for a weekend of tent camping in Vermont and New Hampshire. More recently Harvey became an avid bird watcher, watching and chatting about the wide variety of birds outside his window.

Harvey was pre-deceased by his first wife, Gertrude Parker Trefry, with whom he had three sons that survive him: Larry Trefry and his wife April;

Mark Trefry and his wife Pam; and Stephen Trefry all from Stow. He also leaves five grandchildren: Christopher, Joshua, Daniel, Lindsay, and Casey and three great-grandchildren Chase, Shae and Sara. Harvey was pre-deceased by his brother, Douglas Trefry.

Harvey is also survived by his wife of 41 years, Karen Wentworth Trefry and five step children with whom he was very close: Margo Mulligan of Brookfield; Nathan Wentworth of North Waterboro, Maine; Sarah Conquest of Barre; Susan Harty of Gardner and Kate Anderson of Barre. His family also consisted of Karen’s fifteen grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

Services are private.

Gifts in his memory may be made to the Massachusetts Audubon Society or the Second Chance Animal Shelter in East Brookfield.

Arrangements under the care of Fowler-Kennedy Funeral Home, A Life Celebration Home, Maynard. To share a memory or offer a condolence visit [www.fowler-kennedy.com](http://www.fowler-kennedy.com).

## DEATH NOTICE

**Foley, John E.**  
Died Nov. 29, 2020  
Memorial Service June 23 at 11 a.m.  
Riverside Cemetery, Barre  
Storytelling Celebration of Life at 12:30 p.m.  
Quail Hollow Golf Club, Oakham

**Trefry, Harvey W.**  
Died June 9, 2021  
Services are Private

## United Church holds Strawberry Supper

WARE - A Strawberry Supper will be held at The United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., Ware. The United Church of Ware, 49 Church St., from 5-6 p.m. by takeout only. People can drive up to the Church Street side of the church building and a runner will come to take their order and bring their meals out to

their vehicle. The meal includes ham, potato salad, green salad, homemade baked beans, rolls, and freshly picked sweetened strawberries on biscuits with real whipped cream. The cost is \$12 per meal. For more information, people may call the church office at 413-967-9981.

## COLLECTIONS, continued from page 2

connect the wires from one telegraph station to another. They explored and hiked every Sunday and found insulators dating back to the mid 1800s, even some that were used during the Civil War to convey war messages. Dick has added to his collection for 50 years, the later ones were manufactured to hold telephone and electric wires.

Betty has a beautiful rock garden, which she calls her memory garden. I thought she created it in memory of someone dear to her. No, she said the garden is mostly comprised of plants her friends gave her and as we strolled through it, she told me that she names the flowers from the people. who gave her the plant - Elisabeth, Linda, Anne, Thelma, Sandy, Karen, Ginny, Sonja, Nola, Joanne and more. What a meaningful idea. She enjoys the lovely collection along with her collection of friends, who gifted them.

Bill likes whimsical things, he’s always doing something to make people smile. So it’s no surprise he decided to collect Mickey Mouse after visiting Disney World where everything is fun, cheerful and full of enchantment. He distributes his collection throughout the house, and people have to smile when they see a Mickey Mouse camera, a figure, a watch, a telephone, a stuffed Mickey. His oldest Mickey was given to him by his father. It’s an early plastic figure made in 1928 when Disney first introduced Mickey in the cartoon “Steamboat Willie.”

Phyllis’s collection started when an owl perched outside the motel window on her honeymoon. The owl’s presence gave her the message that her marriage was a wise decision. She believed it to be a good luck omen and her owl collection began. She purchased one from every trip they took and people added to her collection - big ones, small ones, ones made of



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**Gerry Garipey collects nip bottles, which he finds along the side of the road when picking up trash. He built shelves in his shop to display them.**

wood, ceramic, glass, stuffed, also paintings of owls. They fill her rooms with good memories and good luck.

Another friend has an unusual collection that was not planned when she first got married. When she saw my turtle collection, she said, “I collect husbands and the collection started with divorce.” She had just ended her fifth marriage and is planning the sixth. She is confident, however, that this marriage will culminate her collection. She’s going to remarry her third husband. he was the best. Maybe I should give her a good luck owl?

There are so many interesting collections and collection stories. Be sure to share your stories and how they began with friends and family. I reminisce when I give my turtles their monthly dusting.

## RACING, continued from page 7

Nate with him. Holding the point the last eight laps, Wenzel was strong in scoring his first win of the season. Brother Nate and three-time 2021 winner Chris Buffone joined him in trophy row.

Fitzwilliam Flyer Gordon Farnum stormed to victory in the Mini Stock 25-lapper.

Taking the lead from Kevin Cormier on lap 19, Farnum padded his points lead with his fourth win of the summer. Cormier was strong in second, and Jeff Asselin came home third.

Fast Eddie Petruskevicious made easy work of winning

the Young Guns feature for the second week in a row. Heat race winner Teagan Edson was the runner-up again, with Eddie Gomarlo strong in third.

Connor Souza appeared to have won the Exit One Realty Pro Truck Series 55-lapper, but series officials ruled that he’d jumped a late-race restart, awarding Saturday’s victory to Lucas Leone. Girard Giordano was second, and Randy Burr third.

Monadnock Speedway returns to action next Saturday, June 19, with the Teddy Bear Pools Street Stock 50-lapper lost to rain a few weeks back leading a full card of NHSTRA racing.

## MONADNOCK SPEEDWAY

**JUNE 12 TOP TENS:**  
**QUEST FOR THE CUP**  
MOD 35-1: Matt Kimball (Bennington, NH), Tyler Leary, Cory Plummer, Todd Patnode, Cameron Sontag, George Helliwell, Kimmy Rivet, Andrew Martell, Scott MacMichael, Dave Salzarulo

**QUEST FOR THE CUP**  
MOD 35-2: Brian Robie (Sunapee, NH), Geoff Rollins, Todd Patnode, Matt Kimball, Cameron Sontag, Kimmy Rivet, Kirk Alexander, Mike Smith, Cory Plummer, George Helliwell.

**L A T E M O D E L S P O R T S M A N :** Chase Curtis (Rutland, MA) Chris Curtis, Austin Brehio, Cole

Littlewood, Justin Littlewood, Cam Curtis, Dan Comeau, Nancy Muni-Ruot, Jaret Curtis, Robert Hagar

**STREET STOCK:** Tim Wenzel (Holyoke, MA), Nate Wenzel, Chris Buffone, Rupert Thompson, Jason Kozacka, Hillary Renaud, Paul Smith, Keith Johnson, Chris Lindquist, Scott Wade.

**MINI STOCK:** Gordon Farnum (Fitzwilliam, NH), Kevin Cormier, Jess Asselin, Louie Maher, Tim LeBlanc, Kevin McKnight, Haydon Grenier, Josh Hubbard, Pat Houle, Jake Puchalski.

**YOUNG GUN:** Eddie Petruskevicious, Teagan Edson, Eddie Gomarlo, Leilei Daniels, Dominick Stafford.

# Church News

## Local pastors offer sermons

### Father’s Day 2021

The Christian faith emphasizes both the import and the place of fathers in the home. As Father’s Day is again upon us, please take the time to prayerfully consider the following points:

1) The Presence of a Father

It has been said that the “mark of a father is present in the heart of a child, whether he is present or not.” It would seem that statistical analysis bears this out. I came across the following figures in the midst of recent research: 63% of youth suicides are from fatherless homes

71% of all high school drop-outs come from fatherless homes

70% of youths in state-operated institutions come from fatherless homes

75% of all adolescent patients in substance abuse rehab come from fatherless homes

85% of all children who show behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes

90% of all homeless and run-away children are from fatherless homes

In light of such numbers, perhaps it is time that we rediscover the value of a loving, engaged dad in the home. Perhaps it is also time to realize that our heavenly Father knew what He was doing when He crafted the family unit, compelling us to return to His good design.

2) The Protection of a Father

I posit that the father was created to function as the shield and vanguard of the family unit. A protective instinct is hard-wired into husbands and dads in relation to their wives and children. Let us briefly consider one example of this principle from Scripture with the figure of Joseph, the step-father of Jesus Christ:

**Matthew 12:13-15a (NIV)**

When they had gone [i.e., after the Magi paid homage to the Christ-Child], an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream. “Get up,” he said, “take the child and his mother and escape to Egypt. Stay there until I tell you, for Herod is going to search for the child to kill him.” So he got up, took the child and his mother during the night and left for Egypt, where he stayed until the death of Herod.

What do we see herein? We see that God specifically dealt with Joseph as the one responsible for the safety and security of Mary and the young Jesus. The Lord dealt with Joseph as the defender of his family. The story, however, does not end there.

**Matthew 2:19-23**

After Herod died, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother and go to the land of Israel, for those who were trying to take the child’s life are dead.” So he got up, took the child and his mother and went to the land of Israel. But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning in Judea in place of his father Herod, he was afraid to go there. Having been warned in a dream, he withdrew to the district of Galilee and he went and lived in a town called Nazareth.

What do we see herein? We see Joseph, once again, serving as the God-ordained protector of his family. Specifically, we see Joseph identifying potential threats to their well-being, navigating them accordingly. In the end, I put forth that this is still a role the Lord wants earthly husbands and fathers to play.

3) The Provision of a Father

I maintain that fathers were

created to be agents of provision. I know this sounds old-fashioned to the modern ear, but a father must concern himself with the material well-being of his wife and children. I am not saying that women cannot and should not work. My own wife is a full-time registered nurse, praise God. I am saying that a good father must undertake in this arena of life and living. Consider the words of the apostle Paul in this regard:

**1 Timothy 5:8**

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

In an age of entitlement-wherein many men do not want to work-it is time we heed biblical teaching. Men, did you know that before God gave Adam a wife and a family, He gave him a job. Remove work from your life (i.e., reach a place where you can work but choose not to) and you violate something of a cosmic-level reality.

4) The Pastoral Function of a Father

Lastly, the Lord has called fathers to teach and lead their families in spiritual matters. Thus, a good father must concern himself with the spiritual development of those under his care. Consider the following selection of biblical texts:

**Deuteronomy 6:5-7**

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.

**Proverbs 22:6-7**

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.

**Ephesians 6:4**

Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.

Thank you for taking the time to read this publication. Should you have any comments or questions, feel free to contact me at your convenience using the information below. Also, feel free to check us out online at [www.NewLifeBarre.org](http://www.NewLifeBarre.org) or visit us each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. We hope to see you soon.

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### Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

*“When the Lord Speaks of Seeds, Shrubs and Trees...”*

Our services can be found on our website at [www.barrechurch.com](http://www.barrechurch.com) and Facebook page.

**Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 17 v 22-24 and Mark 4 v 26-34**

I. Introduction:

In many established gardens, we find plants of all kinds; shrubs, small and large for all seasons, with or without flowers and foliage to match the rest of the garden, and change their color as the seasons continue to transition. New England is known for its abundance of trees. I remember arriving in Connecticut from South Africa in 1998 during the fall, being

created to be agents of provision. I know this sounds old-fashioned to the modern ear, but a father must concern himself with the material well-being of his wife and children. I am not saying that women cannot and should not work. My own wife is a full-time registered nurse, praise God. I am saying that a good father must undertake in this arena of life and living. Consider the words of the apostle Paul in this regard:

**II. The Great Eagle, the Cedar, and the Vine**

The passage in Ezekiel 17 verses 1-21 takes us into the mind of Yahweh, who instructed the prophet Ezekiel to tell the people of Israel the parable of a Great Eagle with powerful wings, long feathers, and full plumage of varied colors, that came to Lebanon and broke off the top of a cedar tree, carried it to a land of merchants and planted it there. The text continues with the Eagle taking seed from the soil of Judah, and planted it in this new land, where it sprouted, and became a low spreading vine. The branches of the vine turned toward the Eagle, but the roots stayed in the ground. It was a fruitful vine, as it grew toward the Eagle. The story goes on to talk about a second great eagle with powerful wings and full plumage. Instead of the roots remaining in the ground, the vine sent the roots as well as the branches out toward this second eagle. The story gets interrupted by the voice of the Lord, asking

whether the second vine will survive, or whether it will be uprooted from where it had been planted? Will it withstand the East wind as it strikes them?

The interpretation of this fable, by Yahweh to Ezekiel in verses 11 – 21 specifies the Great Eagle as the King of Babylon, Nebuchadrezzar who went to Jerusalem ten years earlier to carry their king Jehoiachin, the top of the cedar, and his family and all the noble leaders, and brought them back to Babylon in exile. We must remember that the whole exile of Judah into Babylon was prophesied by Jeremiah, because of their disobedience to Yahweh. Nebuchadrezzar was a generous king, who made sure that Jehoiachin was taken care of, and treated well. Members of the royal family and other leaders were removed, including Ezekiel who became the prophet in the Babylonian Exile. The second eagle was the king Zedekiah, who was made king by the King of Babylon, and enjoyed the generosity of the King of Babylon. Zedekiah pledged the oath to Nebuchadrezzar, but then decided he wanted to be free from the rulership of Nebuchadrezzar and called upon the military leadership of Egypt to help free them. Yahweh is clearly not happy with Zedekiah, who swore an oath to the King of Babylon. Zedekiah’s oath to the Babylonian King, according to Daniel Block in his book on Ezekiel, was seen by Yahweh as an important oath to keep, hence the declaration of Yahweh that Zedekiah will die in the land of the King of Babylon who put him on the throne. He broke a political covenant, which in theological terms means to challenge the Divine Guarantor, says Block.

In our verses 22 – 24, Yahweh then goes back to the imagery of the cedar, declaring that the Sovereign Lord will take a shoot from the top of the cedar and plant it, and will break off a tender sprig from its topmost

shoots and plant it on a high and lofty mountain. It will produce branches and bear fruit and become a splendid cedar. And in verse 24 “All the trees of the field will know that I the Lord will bring down the tall tree, which is Zedekiah, and make the low tree grow tall, who is Jehoiachin. I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish.” Yahweh is also clearly pointing to the Messianic figure who will be written about later on. Yahweh will make everything new! The use of the huge tree offering nourishment and protection for all creatures appears to represent Yahweh’s commitment to be the final protector and blessing to the nations. Also, the Dynasty will survive the exile. God is with them even in exile.

The moral of this story of the cedar tree is that Yahweh takes seriously the issue of covenants and oaths, the commitment to serve and to serve the people well. It also is an indication that Yahweh remains the sovereign Lord of history. The Lord will restore, make things right, heal and make the nations flourish again.

### III. Jesus and seeds

Jesus continues in the new dispensation to use the symbols of nature to illustrate His message of the Kingdom of God. In the Gospel of Mark, He talks about the mustard seed which was an exceedingly small seed, how it grows into an exceptionally large plant, and is spoken of as a tree by many. The Kingdom of God, Jesus says is like a mustard seed, which, when it is planted, grows large and it becomes, like the mustard plant or tree, a place of protection, of shade for those who need rest. The Kingdom of God is that space where God is, where God cultivates the environment of community, of togetherness, of goodness, and love and a shared experience of safety and spiritual growth. It is like a cedar, a large shrub, a tree, that grows and gives shade to the ones who need it.

### IV. Conclusion

The Lord God is sovereign and will forever be with us and in our lives and on our journeys. The Lord God understands, as in the case with Zedekiah and the people of Israel, our loyalties, and disloyalties, our commitments and lack thereof, our strengths and our weaknesses. The Lord speaks to us as children of God, as members of our church, our families and at our workplaces and in our neighborhoods. Are we seeds that are planted with roots going deeper into the ground, and branches growing toward the greatest of all, Yahweh, God Almighty, or do we sometimes uproot ourselves and send our roots and branches into areas where they wither and die? We are reminded this morning that God is guiding us through the work and presence of the Holy Spirit, to stay on the journey we have been called to be on, to tend to the shrub or the tree that we are, to fertilize and water and to grow strong as Christians and as the church here in Barre. May the voice of God speak to us in ways we will understand and help us on our walk in this earthly spiritual journey. Amen.

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# Public Safety

## Barre Police Log

**Monday, May 31**  
12:36 p.m. Larceny/Theft Old Coldbrook Road – No Police Service Necessary

**Tuesday, June 1**  
4:24 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Woods Road – Officer Advised

**Wednesday, June 2**  
5:59 p.m. Unwanted Party Old Coldbrook Road – Party Departed Without Incident  
6:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Vernon Avenue – Citation Issued

**Thursday, June 3**  
9:59 a.m. Safety Concern Barre Depot Road – Removed Hazard  
1:21 p.m. Larceny/Theft Summer Street – Officer Spoke to Party

1:38 p.m. Vandalism Worcester Road – Officer Advised  
8:51 p.m. Larceny/Theft Old Coldbrook Road – Officer Spoke to Party

**Friday, June 4**  
10:27 a.m. Sick/Unknown South Barre Road – Transported to Hospital  
8:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
8:42 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
9:06 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
10:19 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Summer Street – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Kevin T. Sheridan, 24, Barre OUI-Liquor or .08%; Speeding Rate of Speed Greater Than was Reasonable and Proper c90 §17

**Saturday, June 5**  
11:11 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued  
4:21 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Hubbardston Road – Officer Took Call  
5:01 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Barre Road – Citation Issued  
5:30 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Valley Road – Citation Issued  
5:51 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Valley Road – Citation Issued  
7:47 p.m. Complaint Old Coldbrook Road – Negative Contact

**SOUTH BARRE**

**Wednesday, June 2**  
2:09 p.m. Harassing/Annoying Phone Calls Worcester Road – Officer Advised

## Petersham Police Log

**Saturday, May 1**  
6:03 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued

**Monday, May 3**  
5:25 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning  
6:45 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning

**Tuesday, May 4**  
8:35 a.m. 911 – Elevator Call/Alarms North Main Street – Dispatch Handled  
7:12 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued

**Thursday, May 6**  
8:51 p.m. Phone – Animal Call New Salem Road – Removed Hazard

**Saturday, May 8**  
8:27 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Poppel Camp Road – Transported to Hospital  
2:07 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning  
4:32 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning  
5:39 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning  
9:16 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued

**Sunday, May 9**  
9:49 a.m. 911 – Misdiagonal North Main Street – Spoken To  
11:41 a.m. 911 – Misdiagonal Hardwick Road – Spoken To

**Monday, May 10**  
3:45 p.m. Phone – Medical Emergency West Street – Services Rendered  
8:51 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call North Main Street – Spoken To

**Tuesday, May 11**  
8:18 p.m. 911 – Harassment Leighton Road – Officer Handled

**Wednesday, May 12**  
8:35 a.m. Phone – Threat Spring Street – Officer Handled

**Friday, May 14**  
5:18 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop South Main Street – Citation Issued

**Saturday, May 15**  
11:58 a.m. Phone – 911 Misdiagonal East Street – Spoken To  
12:34 p.m. Initiated – Illegal Dumping Quaker Drive – Investigated  
5:47 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued

**Monday, May 17**  
9:51 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning  
10:23 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued  
12:34 p.m. Phone – Complaint South Main Street – Officer Handled  
9:27 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity New Salem Road – Transferred Call to C1

**Tuesday, May 18**  
9 a.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Accident New Salem Road – Services Rendered

**Wednesday, May 19**  
3:55 p.m. Initiated – Medical Emergency Glasheen Road – Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, May 20**  
6:56 p.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Accident Poppel Camp Road – Officer Handled

**Sunday, May 23**  
1:28 a.m. 911 – Suspicious Activity East Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

5:44 a.m. 911 – Suspicious Activity North Street – No Action Required  
8:20 a.m. 911 – Misdiagonal New Salem Road – Checked/Secured

**Monday, May 24**  
1:29 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call Monson Turnpike Road – Services Rendered

**Tuesday, May 25**  
6:44 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Birch Drive – Transported to Hospital

**Thursday, May 27**  
10:09 a.m. Phone – Complaint Hammond Lane – Officer Handled  
7:53 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Written Warning

**Friday, May 28**  
8:52 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency West Road – Services Rendered

**Saturday, May 29**  
7:56 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard New Salem Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
9:17 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued  
11 a.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Barre Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
11:02 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued  
1:12 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued  
7:32 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop North Main Street – Citation Issued  
10:10 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop South Main Street – Written Warning

## Hubbardston Police Log

**Sunday, May 30**  
8:12 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Criminal Complaint  
10:53 a.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Old Princeton Cutoff Road – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: William R. Payne, 64, Barre  
Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID

**Monday, May 31**  
7:59 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued  
8:08 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Citation Issued  
12:02 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued  
5:18 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued

**Tuesday, June 1**  
4:51 p.m. Seizures Main Street – Transported to Hospital

**Wednesday, June 2**  
2:32 a.m. Stroke (CVA) Worcester Road – Referred to Other Agency  
6:33 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Elm Street – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Karla Antonucci, 31, Hubbardston  
Uninsured Motor Vehicle; Registration Revoked, Operate Motor Vehicle With; Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle

**Thursday, June 3**  
8:38 a.m. Serve Warrant Old Boston Turnpike – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Paul M. Leoni, 63, Hubbardston  
Warrant  
12:34 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Arrest(s) Made  
Summons: Desire De Oliveira, 29, Westborough  
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation  
5:37 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop

Gardner Road – Criminal Complaint  
Summons: Evan P. Cornell, 24, Hubbardston  
Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Number Plate Violation to Conceal ID  
11:31 p.m. Building/Property Check Main Street – Building Checked/Secured  
Summons: Izaak D. Pelletier, 23, Wheelwright  
Motor Vehicle, Taking and Stealing Parts; Motor Vehicle, Taking and Stealing Parts; Destruction of Property +\$1,200, Wanton c266 §127; Trespass

**Friday, June 4**  
9:32 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Burnshirt Road – Citation Issued  
4:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Pursuit Old Boston Turnpike – Arrest(s) Made  
7:47 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Gardner Road – Arrest(s) Made  
Arrest: Joshua A. Waxlax, 45, Ashburnham  
Warrant

## Oakham Police Log

**Sunday, May 30**  
9:36 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop North Brookfield Road – Citation Issued  
4:51 p.m. Abdominal-Back Pain Old Turnpike Road – Transported to Hospital  
8:31 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued  
9:27 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Citation Issued

**Wednesday, June 2**  
11:01 a.m. Prowler/Trespasser Spencer Road – Report Filed  
2:15 p.m. Falls Flint Road – Services Rendered  
9:04 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Worcester Road – Written Warning

**Saturday, June 5**  
9:18 a.m. Sick/Unknown Crawford Road – Transported to Hospital

1:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Citation Issued  
Summons: Stephanie M. Cofske, 22, Hardwick  
Unlicensed Operation of Motor Vehicle; Unregistered Motor Vehicle; Name/Address Change, Failure to Notify RMV of  
9:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Old Turnpike Road – Citation Issued

## Rutland Police Log

**Sunday, May 30**  
11:26 a.m. Fraud/Forgery Pommogussett Road – Report Filed  
4:51 p.m. Abdominal-Back Pain Old Turnpike Road – Transported to Hospital  
7:32 p.m. Falls Glenwood Road – Referred to Other Agency  
7:37 p.m. Threats Hickory Drive – Arrest(s) Made

**Monday, May 31**  
9:10 a.m. Motor Vehicle Collision-Fire Naquag Street – Report Filed  
2:26 p.m. Suspicious Person/Vehicle Pommogussett Road – Report Filed  
8:46 p.m. Fraud/Forgery Prospect Street – Officer Spoke to Party

**Tuesday, June 1**  
10:08 a.m. Fraud/Forgery Sycamore Drive – Report Filed  
11:57 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Richards Avenue – Citation Issued  
5:13 p.m. Vandalism East County Road – Report Filed

**Wednesday, June 2**  
12:56 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Paxton Road – Citation Issued  
2:15 p.m. Falls Flint Road – Services Rendered  
2:50 p.m. Falls Pommogussett Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal  
4:42 p.m. Vandalism Stevens Way – Report Filed  
4:44 p.m. Complaint Orchard Hill Drive – Officer Spoke to Party

**Thursday, June 3**  
12:47 a.m. Sick/Unknown Clealand Circle – Transported to Hospital

9:43 a.m. Chest Pain/Heart Problems Turkey Hill Trail – Transported to Hospital  
11:56 a.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Hillside Road – Written Warning  
11:56 a.m. Sick/Unknown Davis Street – Transported to Hospital  
1:46 p.m. Breathing Difficulty Sycamore Drive -Transported to Hospital

**Friday, June 4**  
6:39 a.m. Falls Maple Avenue – Services Rendered  
1:50 p.m. Childbirth Turkey Hill Road – Transported to Hospital

**Saturday, June 5**  
9:18 a.m. Sick/Unknown Crawford Road – Transported to Hospital

## Hardwick Police Log

During the weeks of May 31-June 7, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 63 building/property checks, 16 directed/area patrols, 6 radar assignments, 9 traffic controls, 10 emergency 911 calls, 6 motor vehicle stops, 1 complaint, 1 safety hazard, 1 vandalism, 1 brush fire, 2 motor vehicle accidents and 8 animal calls in the town of Hardwick.

**Monday, May 31**  
6:47 p.m. Phone – Motor Vehicle Accident Lower Road – Services Rendered  
6:54 p.m. 911 – Disturbance Church Street – Services Rendered

**Wednesday, June 2**  
4:43 a.m. Phone – Medical Emergency Bridge Street – Transported to Hospital  
9:06 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Ridge Road – Transported to Hospital  
11:24 a.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Grove Street – Officer Handled  
4:55 p.m. 911 – Hang-up Call School House Drive – Spoken To  
11:07 p.m. 911 – Runaway/Juvenile Greenwich Road – Services Rendered

**Thursday, June 3**  
4:24 p.m. 911 – Motor Vehicle Accident Church Street – Served in Hand  
6:40 p.m. 911 – Complaint Church Lane – Officer Handled  
7:10 p.m. Phone – Vandalism Greenwich Road – Investigated

**Friday, June 4**  
7:03 a.m. 911 – Animal Call Ruggles Hill Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency  
4:48 p.m. 911 – Parking Complaint Barre Road – Peace Restored

**Sunday, June 6**  
7:46 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Citation Issued  
10:59 a.m. 911 – Assist Citizen Mechanic Street – Spoken To  
11:57 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Barre Road – Transported to Hospital  
12:30 p.m. Phone – Fire, Brush Patrill Hollow Road – Extinguished

## New Braintree Police Log

During the weeks of May 31-June 7, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department responded to 10 building/property checks, 26 directed/area patrols, 5 radar assignments, 3 traffic controls, 3 emergency 911 calls, 1 safety hazard, 2 complaints and 4 animal calls in the town of New Braintree.

**Tuesday, June 1**  
11:41 a.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard West Brookfield Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

**Friday, June 4**  
3:37 p.m. Phone – Complaint Ravine Road – Negative Contact  
8:24 p.m. Phone – Complaint Ware Road – Negative Contact

**Saturday, June 5**  
5:44 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Scott Road – Transported to Hospital

**Sunday, June 6**  
11:22 a.m. Phone – 911/Hang-up Call Wine Road – Spoken To  
12:22 p.m. 911 – Misdiagonal Wine Road – Spoken To

## Public Notices

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
The Trial Court  
Worcester Probate and Family Court  
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Docket No. WO21P1967EA  
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WITNESS, Hon. **Leilah A Keamy**, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: June 10, 2021  
**Stephanie K. Fattman**  
Register of Probate  
**06/17/2021**

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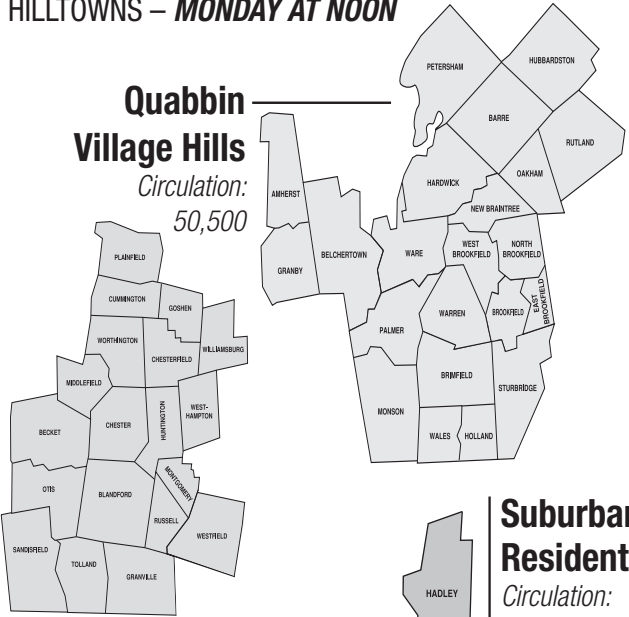
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